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In this Sept. 28, 1942 photo provided by the U.S. Navy, Chief Ordnanceman John W. Finn is congratulated by his wife Alice at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, after he was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor or heroism at Kaneohe Naval Air Station for his actions during the attack on Pearl Harbor.

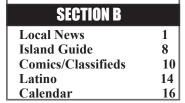
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SPORTS NEWS THE 300



Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt reacts after winning the men's 300 meters race at the IAAF World Challenge Golden Spike athletic meeting in Ostrava, Czech Republic, Thursday, May 27, 2010.

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In this Wednesday, May 26, 2010 photo provided by the U.S. Coast Guard, the mobile offshore drilling unit Q4000 holds position directly over the damaged Deepwater Horizon blowout preventer as crews work to plug the wellhead using a technique known as "top kill." The procedure is intended to stem the flow of oil and gas and ultimately kill the well by injecting heavy drilling fluids through the blow out preventer on the seabed, down into the well.

Associated Press

Gulf leak eclipses Exxon Valdez

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Associated Press Writers

ROBERT, Louisiana (AP) — As BP labored a second day Thursday to choke off the leak at the bottom of the Gulf of Mexico, dire new government estimates showed the disaster has easily eclipsed the Exxon Valdez as the biggest oil spill in U.S. history

The company announced late in the day that

it had suspended shooting heavy drilling mud into the blown-out well 5,000 feet underwater around midnight Wednesday so it could bring in more materials. Thursday evening, BP PLC said it had resumed the pumping procedure known as a top kill. Officials said it could be late Friday or the weekend before the company knows if it has cut off the oil that has been flowing for five weeks. As the world waited, President Barack Obama announced major new

restrictions on drilling projects, and the head of the federal agency that regulates the industry resigned under pressure, becoming the highest-ranking political casualty of the crisis so far.

BP insisted the top kill was progressing as planned, though the company acknowledged drilling mud was escaping from the broken pipe along with the leaking crude

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N. Korea scraps sea accords;

South Korea holds navy drill

KELLY OLSEN

Associated Press Writer

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Military tension on the Korean peninsula rose Thursday after North Korea threatened to attack any South Korean ships entering its waters and Seoul held anti-submarine drills in response to the March sinking of a navy vessel blamed on Pyongyang.

Separately, the chief U.S. military commander in South Korea criticized the North over the sinking of the South Korean warship Cheonan in which 46 sailors died, telling the communist country to stop its aggressive actions.

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Chief of much-criticized oil oversight agency quits

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The head of the troubled U.S. agency that oversees offshore drilling resigned under pressure Thursday as President Barack Obama moved more aggressively to take charge of the Gulf oil spill.

The departure of Minerals Management Service Director Elizabeth Birnbaum was announced by Interior Secretary Ken Salazar at a congressional hearing where Birnbaum had been scheduled to testify but didn't show up.

Birnbaum resigned "on her own terms and her own volition," Salazar told lawmakers.

The development came just hours before Obama was set to announce strong new measures in response to the spill, including extending a moratorium on new deepwater oil drilling and canceling some planned lease sales entirely. The midday White House event was to be Obama's first news conference since the Gulf of Mexico well began spewing oil. Birnbaum, who had

led MMS since July 2009, left after she and her agency came under withering criticism from lawmakers of both parties over allegedly lax oversight of drilling and cozy ties with industry. Salazar recently announced he was radically restructuring the agency into three separate parts. In a three-sentence resignation letter to Salazar, Birnbaum wrote: "As you move forward with the reorganization of Minerals Management Service you will be requiring three new leaders ... I wish you every good fortune in the reorganization of the bureau." In the wake of an Inspector General's report alleging corruption at her agency during the previous administration, and indications that problems extended into the current one, Birnbaum's departure didn't

"The departure of Elizabeth Birnbaum from MMS does not address the root problem. She has only been the public face of MMS for 11 months and the most serious allegations occurred prior to her tenure," said Rep. Nick Rahall, a Democrat and chairman

satisfy some lawmakers.

of the House Natural Resources Committee. "This might on the surface be a good start but must not be the end game," Rahall said

It was a day of fast-moving developments in Washington and in the Gulf, where engineers were watching for signs of success from the latest attempt to stanch the leak five weeks into the catastrophe. The so-called "top kill" technique of pumping heavy materials onto the leak appeared to make progress. At the same time, new estimates released by a team of scientists showed the spill has surpassed the Exxon Valdez as the worst in U.S. history, growing to nearly 19 million gallons according to the most conservative estimate. Obama planned to announce

that a moratorium on new deepwater oil drilling permits will be continued for six months while a presidential commission investigates the disaster, a White House aide said.

Controversial lease sales off the coast of Alaska will be delayed pending the results of the commission's investigation,



In this May 18, 2010 file photo, Elizabeth Birnbaum, director of the Minerals Management Service is seen on Capitol Hill in Washington.

Associated Press

and lease sales planned in the Western Gulf and off the coast of Virginia will be canceled, the aide said, speaking on condition of anonymity ahead of Obama's news conference.

Those steps, along with new oversight and safety standards also to be announced, are the result of a 30-day safety review of offshore drilling conducted by Salazar at Obama's direction. Salazar briefed Obama on its conclusions Wednesday night.

The new announcements signaled a fundamental shift in

the administration's policies on offshore drilling, which Obama promoted and hoped to expand prior to the spill. It was just in March that Obama announced a new policy on offshore drilling, throwing open a huge swath of East Coast waters and other protected areas in Alaska and the Gulf of Mexico to drilling. That expansion now looks like it will be dramatically rolled back for some time to come.

Obama will travel to the Gulf Coast on Friday, his second visit since the accident.

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Golf leak

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"The fact that we had a bunch of mud going up the riser isn't ideal but it's not necessarily indicative of a problem," said spokesman Tom Mueller.

Early on Thursday, officials said the process was going well, but later in the day they announced pumping had been suspended 16 hours earlier.

The top kill is the latest in a string of attempts to stop the oil that has been spewing since the drilling rig Deepwater Horizon exploded April 20. Eleven workers were killed.

If the procedure works, BP will inject cement into the well to seal it permanently. If it doesn't, the company has a number of backup plans. Either way, crews will continue to drill two relief wells, considered the only surefire way to stop the leak.

A top kill has never been attempted before so deep underwater. BP Chief Operating Officer Doug Suttles said the company is also considering shooting small, dense rubber balls or assorted junk such as golf balls and rubber scraps to stop up a crippled five-story piece of equipment known as a blowout preventer to keep the mud from escaping.

The stakes were higher than ever as public frustration over the spill grew and a team of government scientists said the oil has been flowing at a rate $2\frac{1}{2}$ to five times higher than what BP and the Coast Guard previously estimated

Two teams of scientists calculated the well has been spewing between 504,000 and more than 1 million gallons a day. Even using the most conservative estimate, that means about 18 million gallons have spilled so far. In the worst-case scenario, 39 million gallons have leaked.

That larger figure would be nearly four times the size of the Exxon Valdez disaster, in which a tanker ran aground in Alaska in 1989, spilling nearly 11 million gallons.

"Now we know the true scale of the monster we are fighting in the Gulf," said Jeremy Symons, vice president of the National Wildlife Federation. "BP has unleashed an unstoppable force of appalling proportions."

BP spokesman Steve Rinehart said the previous estimate of 210,000 gallons a day was based on the best data available at the time. As for the new figures, he said: "It does not and will not change the response. We are going all out on our response."

The spill is not the biggest ever in the Gulf. In 1979, a drilling rig in Mexican waters — the Ixtoc I — blew up, releasing 140 million gallons of oil.

In another troubling discovery, marine scientists said they have spotted a huge new plume of what they believe to be oil deep beneath the Gulf, stretching 22 miles from the leaking wellhead northeast toward Mobile Bay in Alabama. They fear it could have resulted from using chemicals a mile below the surface to break up the oil.

In Washington, Elizabeth Birnbaum stepped down as director of the Minerals Management Service, a job she had held since last July. Her agency has been harshly criticized over lax oversight of drilling and cozy ties with industry.

An internal Interior Department report released earlier this week found that between 2000 and 2008, agency staff members accepted tickets to sports events, lunches and other gifts from oil and gas companies and used government computers to view pornography.

Polls show the public is souring on the administration's handling of the catastrophe, and Obama sought to assure Americans that the government is in control and deflect criticism that his administration has left BP in



charge

"My job right now is just to make sure everybody in the Gulf understands: This is what I wake up to in the morning, and this is what I go to bed at night thinking about. The spill," he said.

Obama said he would end the "scandalously close relationship" between regulators and the oil companies they oversee. He also extended a freeze on new deepwater oil drilling and canceled or delayed proposed lease sales in the waters off Alaska and Virginia and along the Gulf Coast.

Fishermen, hotel and restaurant owners, politicians and residents along the 100-mile stretch of Gulf coast affected by the spill are fed up with BP's failures to stop the spill. Thick oil is coating birds and delicate wetlands in Louisiana

"I have anxiety attacks," said Sarah Rigaud, owner of Sarah's Restaurant in Grand Isle, Louisiana, where the beach was closed because blobs of oil that looked like melted chocolate had washed up on shore. "Every day I pray that something happens, that it will be stopped and everybody can get back to normal."

Charlotte Randolph, president of Louisiana's Lafourche Parish, one of the coastal parishes affected by the spill, said: "I mean, it's wearing on everybody in this coastal region. You see it in people's eyes. You see it. We need to stop the flow."___

In a Sunday, April 2, 1989 photo, workers try to remove globs of oil from Baked Island in Prince William Sound, Alaska after the tanker Exxon Valdez ran aground March 24, 1989, spilling more than 10-million gallons of oil.

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McCain gets rejected troop request back in Senate

ANDREW TAYLOR
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen.
John McCain resurrected a
proposal to send an additional
6,000 National Guard troops
to the U.S-Mexico border just
hours after President Barack
Obama's Democratic allies in
the Senate killed the plan.

The Arizona Republican says security along the order has deteriorated so badly that 3,000 guard troops are needed just to help protect his state. Even though McCain won support from a dozen Democrats, he failed Thursday to muster the 60-vote supermajority required to adopt his plan under Senate rules.

Later, McCain prevailed in a key Senate panel and inserted

the measure into a defense policy bill that will come to the floor this summer.

Democrats also repelled more than \$2 billion in additional border security spending proposed by border-state Republicans John Cornyn of Texas and Jon Kyl of Arizona. The action came as the Senate continued debate on an almost \$60 billion measure funding Obama's troop surge in Afghanistan, foreign aid and domestic disaster relief.

The Republican proposals were comparable to those made several years ago when many Republicans pressed for border security steps, such as a border fence, instead of a more comprehensive approach to overhauling the nation's immigration system. Obama



This Thursday, April 22, 2010 photo shows the international border in Nogales, Ariz. President Barack Obama will send 1,200 National Guard troops to help secure the U.S.-Mexico border, an administration official and an Arizona congresswoman said Tuesday, pre-empting Republican plans to try to force votes on such a deployment.

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supports comprehensive immigration reforms, but prospects for substantive legislation appear bleak in an election year. Just Tuesday, he promised to send 1,200 Guard troops to the border.

In the past, McCain has advocated changes to immigration laws that would give illegal immigrants in the U.S. an opportunity to earn their citizenship. But as violence along the border has escalated — and in the face of a spirited primary challenge from former conservative Rep. J.D. Hayworth — McCain has adopted a harder line on immigration issues.

"The borders are broken," McCain said Thursday. "We have an obligation to our citizens to secure our border and allow them to lead lives

where they not live in fear." Kyl proposed expanding a program that throws illegal immigrants in jail for two weeks before deporting them back to Mexico, which he said is a deterrent to them trying again.

Cornyn wanted money for state and local law enforcement agencies, unmanned drone aircraft and other equipment, and additional Border Patrol officers and immigration agents.

Both amendments got 54 votes but fell short of the required 60-vote supermajority.

"Until we deal with this broken border, we are not going to be able to deal with other aspects of our broken immigration system," Cornyn said.

A top Democrat said

Republicans were throwing money at the problem and urged waiting until Obama sends up his border security plan next week.

"This is a huge amount of money ... from colleagues who talk fiscal moderation," said Democratic Sen. Chuck Schumer. "It's sort of throwing an enormous amount of money at the problem."

Obama on Tuesday promised to send 1,200 Guard troops to the border to support efforts to block drug trafficking and temporarily supplement Border Patrol agents until more agents can be trained. He also pledged \$500 million for improved border security. The money could be added to the measure during House-Senate negotiations.



Oldest Medal of Honor recipient from WWII dies

JULIE WATSON Associated Press Writer

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Retired Navy Lt. John Finn — the first American to receive America's highest military award for defending sailors under a torrent of gunfire during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor — died Thursday. He was 100.

Finn was the oldest of 97 Medal of Honor recipients from World War II still living. He died at a nursing home for veterans in Chula Vista, outside San Diego, according to a Navy statement.

Despite head wounds and other injuries, Finn, the chief of ordnance for an air squadron, continuously fired a .50-caliber machine gun from an exposed position as bullets and bombs pounded the Naval Air Station at Kaneohe Bay in Oahu. He then supervised the rearming of returning American planes.

"Here they're paying you for doing your duty, and that's what I did," Finn told The Associated Press before his 100th birthday. "I never intended to be a hero. But on Dec. 7, by God, we're in a war."

President Barack Obama said "his modesty does not diminish his extraordinary conduct or the incredible example he has set for our men and women in uniform and for all Americans"

"I had the privilege of meeting Lt. Finn last year, and I was struck by his warmth and humility," Obama said in a statement from the White House.

Finn, who enlisted in the Navy just before his 17th birthday, received the Medal of Honor on Sept. 15, 1942.

He later served as a limited duty officer specializing in anti-aircraft guns in San Diego, Hawaii, Washington, Panama and aboard aircraft carriers, the Navy said.

Finn retired in 1956 after three decades of service, but he continued to help young sailors and stayed active in Navy organizations, Lt. Aaron Kakiel said

He will be buried with full military honors.





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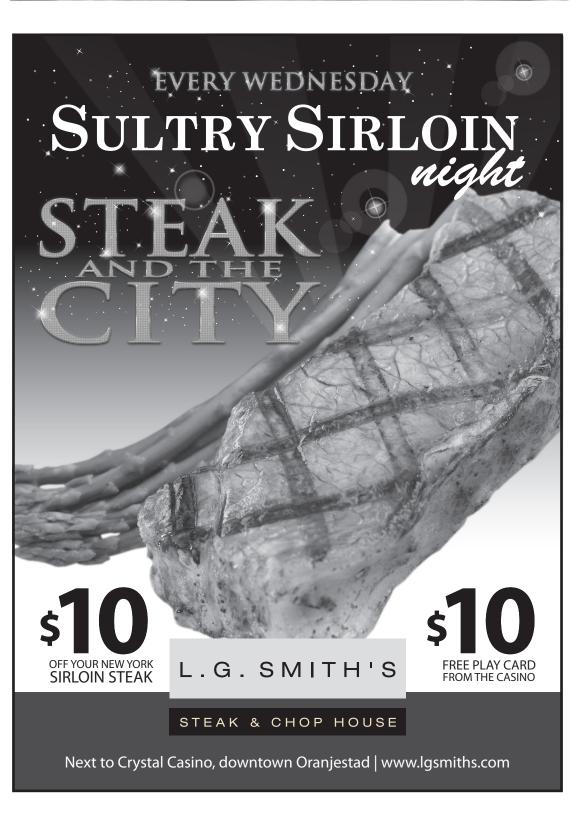
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French unions strike to keep right to retire at 60



Workers take part in a protest against the government's planned pension reform Thursday, May 27, 2010 in Paris. Strikes across France delayed flights, closed schools and frustrated commuters Thursday as workers protested government plans to raise the retirement age past 60, one of the lowest in Europe. President Nicolas Sarkozy says retiring so young is now untenable given growing life spans, but unions see his planned reforms to France's over-stretched pension system as yet another blow to Europe's cherished social model. The banner, partly seen, reads "Together, let's act for jobs, working conditions and pensions". **Associated Press**

ANGELA CHARLTON Associated Press Writer PARIS (AP) — Strikes across France delayed flights, closed schools and frustrated commuters as hundreds of thousands of workers protested government plans to raise the retirement age past 60 — one of the lowest even in Europe.

President Nicolas Sarkozy says retiring so young is now untenable given growing life spans, but unions see his planned reforms to France's over-stretched pension system as yet another blow to Europe's cherished social

His government wants to raise the retirement age to 61 or 62 — reforms that have been under discussion since well debt crisis. Sarkozy has called them his main priority this

Despite Thursday's protests by nearly 400,000 people, according to the Interior Ministry — France's retirement plans pale before the harsh austerity measures instituted by other European nations, including Greece, Ireland and Portugal. Spain and Italy also have announced recent austerity plans as a debt crisis that started in Greece has weakened the euro and raised questions about the future of currency shared by 16 nations.

Some unions say France's pension budget shortfall could be reduced by raising workers' monthly contributions.

"Even though we need pension reform, extending the retirement age is the most unjust way," the head of the CFDT union, Francois Chereque, said on France-2 television. He criticized "the purely financial logic" of the government's plan and it's "obsession ... with aligning with Germany" on retirement. Germany recently raised its retirement age from 65 to 67 to offset an aging population. Many EU countries have 65 as the general retirement age, though some allow for earlier departures for women and those in professions considered arduous.

To express their anger, French workers for the government and private companies from Nestle to oil giant Total walked off the job Thursday and planned scores of protests in Paris and other cities and

Striking train drivers reduced commuter traffic around Paris, although international train routes did not appear to be affected. Aviation authorities expected flights at Paris' Charles de Gaulle to be reduced by 10 percent and those at Orly airport by 30 percent because of the strikes. One of France's main unions, the left of center CGT. claimed 1 million people took part in the strike. It said there were 176 separate protests

before the current European across France. "This proves the workers' determination to oppose the government retirement reform plan, which essentially aims at soothing financial markets," the union said in a statement.

Government spokesman Luc Chatel claimed the protests had "little following" and told Europe 1 radio that only 13 percent of civil servants had gone on strike. He said the government would listen to the protesters but would also "pursue the reform to the end."

About 14 percent of teachers nationwide were on strike, and about 8 percent of hospital workers.

The French government, which had long danced around the retirement age issue, has been increasingly bold in recent days.

"It is totally logical that the government follow this option, we will push back the legal age" of retirement, Labor Minister Eric Woerth said Wednesday.

France is only slowly emerging from its worst recession in decades, and labor relations are tense after waves of job cuts.

Polls show most French voters think something must be done to keep the pension system from collapsing. For two decades, successive governments have made gradual moneysaving measures, but ambitious changes have been thwarted by protests.

The government also is considering raising number of working years required to receive a full pension. Currently years are required for most professions, rising to 41 in 2012, but that could go higher in a new pension reform.

The government will finalize its pension reform proposal in July — the heart of holiday season, when it is hard for unions to organize protests and submit it to parliament in early September.

French life expectancy in 2007 was 77 for men and 84 for women, several years above the European average, according to U.N. statistics.





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North Korean reaction was swift. The military declared it would scrap accords with the South designed to prevent armed clashes at their maritime border, including the cutting of a military hot line, and warned of "prompt physical strikes" if any South Korean ships enter what the North says are its waters in a disputed area off the west coast of the peninsula.

A multinational team of investigators said May 20 that a North Korean torpedo sank the 1,200-ton ship. Seoul announced punitive measures, including slashing trade and resuming anti-Pyongyang propaganda over radio and loudspeakers aimed at the North. North Korea has denied attacking the ship, which sank near disputed western waters where the Koreas have fought three bloody sea battles since 1999.

"The facts and evidence laid out by the joint international investigation team are very compelling. That is why I have asked the Security Council to fulfill their responsibility to keep peace and stability ... to take the necessary measures, keeping in mind the gravity of this situation," U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said as he opened a conference in Brazil meant to help find solutions to global conflicts.

Inter-Korean political and economic ties have been steadily deteriorating since the February 2008 inauguration of South Korean President Lee Myungbak, who vowed a tougher line on the North and its nuclear program. The sinking of the Cheonan has returned military tensions — and the prospect of armed conflict—to the forefront. Off the west coast, 10 South Korean warships, including a 3,500-ton destroyer, fired artillery and other guns and dropped anti-submarine bombs during a one-day exercise to boost readiness, the navy said. South Korea also is planning two major military drills with the U.S. by July in a display of force intended to deter aggression by North Korea, according to South

Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff. Gen. Walter Sharp, chief of the 28,500 U.S. troops in South Korea, said the United States, South Korea and other members of the U.N. Command "call on North Korea to cease all acts of provocation and to live up with the terms of past agreements, including the armistice agreement."

The U.S. fought on the South Korean side during the 1950-53 Korean War, which ended in an armistice, not a peace treaty. North Korea has long demanded a permanent peace agreement.

The prospect of another eruption of serious fighting has been constant on the Korean peninsula since the war ended. But it had been largely out of focus in the past decade as North and South Korea took steps to end enmity and distrust, such as launching joint economic projects and holding two summits.

The sinking of the warship, however, clearly caught South Korea — which has a far more modern and advanced military than its impoverished rival — off guard.

"I think one of the big conclusions that we can draw from this is that, in fact, military readiness in the West Sea had become very lax," said Carl Baker, an expert on Korean military relations at the Pacific Forum CSIS think tank in Honolulu, calling it nothing short of an "indictment" of Seoul's preparedness.



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Mexican port captain jailed for alleged drug ties



In this photo taken Jan. 19, 2010, Gregorio Sanchez, mayor of the resort city of Cancun, center, greets people while surrounded by security personnel in Cancun, Mexico. Sanchez, who had taken a leave of absence from the Cancun mayoral post to run for governor of the Caribbean coastal state of Quintana Roo, was arrested Tuesday, May 25, 2010 by federal police agents on drug trafficking, money laundering and organized crime charges. **Associated Press**

ALEXANDRA OLSON **Associated Press Writer** MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexican marines have arrested the captain of a major Pacific coast port

that has become a hot spot for the smuggling of methamphetamine chemicals, precursor accusing him of drug trafficking ties.

Manzanillo port Captain Jorge Arturo Castaneda was the second top official to be arrested for alleged drug links this week. On Tuesday, federal police arrested Cancun Mayor Gregorio Sanchez allegedly protecting two violent drug cartels.

The Mexican Navy said Castaneda was arrested joint Wednesday in a operation with organized crime unit of the federal Attorney General's Office. The statement said he was suspected of ties to organized crime but gave no details.

Navy officials said there would be no further comment, and the Attorney General's Office had no immediate information.

As captain, Castaneda was

the arrival and departure of ships in Manzanillo.

Security forces have made several major seizures methamphetamine precursors in Manzanillo Lazaro Cardenas, the two biggest ports on Mexico's Pacific coast.

In April, nearly 4 tons of ephedrine were seized in Manzanillo. Last week, authorities seized 88 tons of ethyl phenyl acetate, also known as phenylacetic acid in five shipping containers sent from China to Manzanillo. It was the second seizure of its type this month in the port.

Drug traffickers have turned to phenylacetic acid for making methamphetamine since Mexico effectively banned imports of another

in charge of authorizing precursor, pseudoephedrine. Corruption is a major impediment in Mexico's efforts to combat drug trafficking. Since President Calderon Felipe office in December 2006, hundreds of officials have been fired or arrested for allegedly protecting drug gangs, from municipal police officers to top federal officials.

> In the northern city of Piedras Negras, meanwhile, a soldier was killed and another wounded when gunmen ambushed army troops inspecting floodrisk zones, the Defense Department said Thursday. Three gunmen in a car opened fire on the military patrol Wednesday in the city across the border from Eagle Pass, Texas.





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Australia to take Japan to court over whaling

ROD McGUIRK
Associated Press Writer
CANBERRA, Australia
(AP) — Australia announced
Friday it will take Japan to the
International Court of Justice
to argue that its annual killing
of whales in the Antarctic
Ocean violates international
obligations, in a major
escalation of the Australian
campaign against the hunt.

The decision to take legal action against Australia's important trading partner underlines the government's "commitment to bring to an end Japan's program of so-called scientific whaling" in the southern seas, Environment Minister Peter Garrett and Attorney-General Robert McClelland said in a joint statement.

Japan gets around an international ban on commercial whaling by arguing that it harpoons hundreds of whales each year for scientific research.

The Australian government has said the hunt is in breach of international obligations, but has declined to release any details of how it will argue its case before the court in The Hague.

A Japanese government official was not immediately available for comment on Friday.

Foreign Minister Stephen Smith said Australia and Japan have agreed not to allow the court action to harm their broader relationship. "The agreement between Australia and Japan is that we will treat this matter in a calm, responsible and mature way," Smith told reporters.

"We will treat this matter effectively as an independent legal arbitration of a disagreement between friends," he added.

The International Whaling Comission is separately trying to resolve long-running disputes over the hunting of whales by several countries despite a 25-year-old moratorium on hunts. The plan would effectively allow commercial whaling for the first time since the ban, but under strict quotas.

Commission chairman Cristian Maquieira expressed optimism Thursday in Washington that the issue could be resolved at a meeting next month in Morocco. But senior U.S. official Monica Medina said the current proposal would allow the hunting of too many whales, signaling difficult negotiations ahead.

Japan, Norway and Iceland, which harpoon around 2,000 whales annually, argue that many species are abundant enough to continue hunting them. They are backed by around half the IWC's 88 member nations.

Australia has declared the southern seas a whale sanctuary and has long lobbied for an end to whaling there.

A panel of lawyers and conservationists reported to the Australian and New Zealand governments last year that Japanese whaling in the Antarctic could be stopped if Japan were held accountable for dumping waste and for undertaking hazardous refueling at sea. The Canberra Panel said that activity violates the 46-member Antarctic Treaty System, to which Japan belongs.

The annual Japanese whale hunt also is a target for protests by conservationists, with vessels of the U.S.-based Sea Shepherd Conservation Society sometimes clashing with the whaling fleet.

Sea Shepherd activist Peter Bethune, who boarded a Japanese whaling ship as part of a protest in February, pleaded guilty in a Tokyo court on Thursday to charges including trespassing and destruction of property. The 45-year-old New Zealander could face up to 15 years in prison.

Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's center-left Labor Party was elected in 2007 on a promise to take Japan to court to end what Australia argues is commercial whaling in disguise. Rudd later said Australia would focus on diplomatic efforts to persuade Japan to end its annual whale hunt.

The announcement Friday delivers on Labor's promise, months from an election on a date to be announced late this year



In this Dec. 26, 2008, file image provided by Sea Shepherd Conservation Society, the ship M/V Steve Irwin, right, and the Japanese whaling ship, the Kaiko Maru, clash during a close encounter in the Antarctic Ocean. Australia announced on Friday May 28, 2010, it will take Japan to the International Court of Justice in a major escalation of its campaign to prevent whaling in the Antarctic Ocean. Associated Press

(Sea Shepherd Conservation Society, Eric Cheng, File)



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Bollywood composer seeks global pop stardom

BURBANK, Calif. – With scores of dancers moving in unison atop trains, singing amid ancient ruins and running across cricket fields, the average Bollywood production is a grand spectacle.

Taking such a show on the road would seem to require significant downsizing. Not for A.R. Rahman, who garnered worldwide exposure with his Academy Award-winning score to "Slumdog Millionaire."

The Indian film composer is trying to orchestrate his own rise to international stardom by making his production even bigger to dazzle audiences in massive concert venues across the Western Hemisphere with elaborate stage shows teeming with dancers, acrobats and hightech lighting.

The tour begins June 11 at Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum near New York and wends through North America and Europe before ending at London's Wembley Stadium in late July, with ticket prices for the roughly three-hour-long shows ranging from \$45 to \$1,000.

Through the concerts, Rahman is attempting something many performers from outside the English-speaking world have tried and failed to do: transcend a regional, ethnic niche and become international mainstream superstar.

"My core audiences are from India, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Bangladesh and the Middle East and all those people, so

'Slumdog Millionaire,' after we wanted audiences from the U.S. and Europe," Rahman said, seated in a vast rehearsal hall in an industrial part of the San Fernando Valley.

In a music scene dominated by lithe 20-something songstresses and frenetic hip-hop collectives, the soft-spoken 44-year-old, with his squat, sparkplug-shaped physique and shaggy, brushedback black coiffure, might seem an unlikely candidate for sustained Western pop stardom.

During an interview in a room dominated by a towering drum kit, Rahman cast longing glances at the piano beside him, looking like he'd rather be alone with the keyboard than at the center of this frantic pre-tour bustle.

"I'm an introvert, actually," he said, then corrected himself, "I was an introvert, rather."

He's also rowing against a tide that has capsized other non-Western stars who attempted to find a place in a global pop pantheon dominated by European and American performers.

The Japanese singing duo Puffy had big plans when they played their first U.S. concerts at the beginning of the decade, but they got little for their troubles beyond a cease and desist letter from lawyers for Sean Combs, aka Puff Daddy.

And does anyone remember Rain, the Korean pop idol who planned to take on America with a U.S. tour and a supporting role in the 2008 action film "Speed Racer"? (Does anyone even remember "Speed Racer"?) But Rahman is off to a hopeful

His music is ubiquitous in his native India, where he is acclaimed for crafting moving movie music with global influences that appeal to contemporary Indian listeners for more than 100 films.

"He has supplied the soundtrack for a whole generation," TV chef Padma Lakshi wrote in an appreciation for Time magazine, which named Rahman one of the 100 most influential people of

India's Congress party even adopted the song "Jai Ho," from the "Slumdog" soundtrack, as the anthem for its 2009 campaign, from which it emerged as the election's top vote getter.

Outside India, Rahman has played sold-out shows in ethnic Indian enclaves, while his percussion-driven score of plaintive crescendo-climbing wails and sultry warbles lured some 150,000 North American viewers to the 2001 film "Lagaan," a nearly four-hourlong epic about cricket.

The success of the "Slumdog" soundtrack, which earned Rahman two Academy Awards and two Grammys and sold nearly 400,000 copies in the United States, has given him a platform to continue building his mainstream appeal.

Rahman's publicist Allisan Elbl said ticket-sale data for



Composer A.R. Rahman, left, and music director John Beasley confer during rehearsal for an upcoming tour, at a rehearsal studio in Burbank, Calif., Saturday, May 22, 2010. Rahman, who garnered worldwide exposure with his Academy Award-winning score to 'Slumdog Millionaire,' is creating a production to travel across the Western Hemisphere, complete with elaborate stage shows teeming with dancers, acrobats and high-tech lighting. (AP Photo/Reed Saxon)

the upcoming shows were not concert tour's music director. immediately available Ticketmaster declined to discuss

Several stadiums and arenas where Rahman will play early in his tour did not return calls or are declined to comment but the one venue that did respond, the Patriot Center near Washington D.C., said Thursday that 90 percent of the tickets have already been sold for Rahman's June 13 appearance.

"People from all over the world really respond and resonate to his music," said John Beasley, the

Beasley oversees the tour's 20-person coterie of flutists, tambura-strummers, singers and other music-makers. some of whom have played with Lionel Richie, Fleetwood Mac, Alanis Morissette and other Western pop stars. Beasley himself is a veteran of Miles Davis' musical entourage.

The musicians are elements of a stage show that also includes four troupes of dancers, each of which will strut the stage deploying an entirely different style of choreography.

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Geithner: US, Europe broadly agree on reform



United States Secretary of the Treasury, Timothy Geithner, left, and Germany's Finance Minister, Wolfgang Schaeuble, answer questions at a press conference in Berlin on Thursday May 27, 2010. Geithner met German Finance Minister Wolfgang Schaeuble during a two-day visit to Europe that also took him to Britain and to the European Central Bank in Frankfurt. The U.S. and Europe broadly agree on the need for reform of the financial system, but global cooperation is needed, Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner said Thursday. He also said countries are working together to balance cutting back deficits with supporting economic growth Photo/dapd/ Lennart

BERLIN – The United States and Europe broadly agree on the need for reform of the financial system, but global cooperation is needed, U.S. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner said Thursday. He also said countries are working together to balance cutting back deficits with supporting economic growth.

Geithner met German Finance Minister Wolfgang Schaeuble during a two-day visit to Europe that also took him to Britain and to the European Central Bank in Frankfurt.

The trip comes amid ongoing market volatility following European nations' agreement this month on a euro750 billion (nearly \$1 trillion) loan backstop for governments in danger of defaulting on debt — coupled with efforts to cut budget deficits. Germany, the eurozone's biggest economy, pushed that deal through parliament last week. Geithner welcomed Berlin's "leadership role" in putting together "this very strong framework," as well as its speedy action to implement it.

deflected worries austerity measures could lead to an economic setback. He underlined the need to reduce debt "to sustainable levels over the medium term" and added that "we're going to get there at somewhat different paces.'

"We are working very closely together to try to make sure that we are strengthening and reinforcing this global recovery," he said.

Schaeuble noted that the rules governing the euro are titled the 'stability and growth pact" and said countries would try to do justice to both elements.

The eurozone rescue package - preceded by a rescue for Greece that remains unpopular in Germany - has been by accompanied renewed European determination advance regulatory reform of the financial system. Many on the continent contend that speculative market practices exacerbated the debt crisis.

Last week, European Union governments overrode British objections and U.S. worries to tighten rules for hedge funds, and Germany unilaterally announced curbs on traders of government debt and bank stocks — a move that rattled markets.

Geithner accentuated areas of trans-Atlantic agreement but stressed the U.S. commitment to a "a cooperative global approach" leading up to next month's summit of the Group of 20, which combines rich

countries with emerging nations such as China and India.

"The United States and Europe are in broad agreement on the importance of putting in place more conservative constraints on risk-taking, more conservative capital requirements, bringing transparency and disclosure to derivatives markets, making sure that the regulators and supervisors can do their job," Geithner said. He acknowledged that "we're going to have slightly different approaches because we have different systems."

But "we all agree on the need for

a common framework," he added. "These are global markets, you need common standards — you don't want to just let risk move outside the scope of regulation." He didn't comment directly on the German ban on so-called naked short-selling and planned legislation to cement it in law. Schaeuble — who acknowledged that "the American approach is a somewhat different one" renewed his defense of the move, saying it was justified given recent months' experiences and could be superseded by future European regulation.

One area of agreement is the need for a levy on major banks to ensure that they cover the costs of any future banking crisis.

In Paris Thursday, one of President Barack Obama's top advisers said it would be a mistake for the U.S. to rapidly wind down stimulus measures to cut its deficit

"It would be wrong to tighten fiscal policy immediately, as that would nip the nascent economic recovery in the bud," said Christina Romer, head of the White House Council of Economic Advisers.



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Bohn, Overton share Colonial lead

STEPHEN HAWKINS AP Sports Writer

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Jason Bohn, Jeff Overton and Blake Adams shot 7-under 63s on Thursday to share the first-round lead at the Colonial Invitational, while 2008 champion Phil Mickelson's return turned into a struggle after an impressive start. Mickelson birdied the first two holes, but that was the lowest he got on a hot day with ideal scoring conditions. He finished with a 1-over 71 and is tied for 89th place, while 75 players were under par.

It will take quite a comeback for Mickelson to win his third Colonial, a victory that would push him to No. 1 in the world ranking ahead of Tiger Woods for the first time in his career. He has work to do just to make the cut and participate in the tournament's second "Pink Out" during the third round Saturday. Mickelson wasn't at a pinkswathed "Hogan's Alley" to defend his title last May after finding out that his wife had breast cancer. That is when the Colonial had its first "Pink Out" to honor Amy Mickelson and raise awareness of the disease.





Jason Bohn reacts after missing a putt on the 10th green during the first round of the Colonial golf tournament in Fort Worth, Texas Thursday, May 27, 2010. Jeff Overton watches his shot on the 17th hole during the first round of the Colonial golf tournament in Fort Worth, Texas Thursday, May 27, 2010. Associated Press

Overton shot his career-best round after being even through seven holes, while Bohn, who won last month in New Orleans, had his season-best round despite congestion which meant he couldn't hear out of his left ear. Adams was in the last group of the day.

After Mickelson blasted from a greenside bunker to 10 feet for a

birdie at the opening par-5, he put his drive at the dogleg-right 2nd hole only 50 yards from the pin and pitched to 8 feet for another birdie.

Walking off the No. 3 tee box after another impressive drive, Mickelson was flashing the thumbs-up sign and acknowledging the verbal kudos coming from spectators in the gallery.

By the time he knocked in a bogey putt at the 18th hole, Mickelson was shaking his head trying to figure out what happened. The Masters champion hit only five of 14 fairways and missed six greens.

"There's no excuse. There's no wind, the golf course is in perfect shape, and there were a lot of scores out there," Mickelson said. "I just wasn't one of them." "I played well the first four holes, then the last 14, I hit the ball terrible, so I'll have some work to do. Already was in there texting Butch (Harmon, his coach) and so I've got some direction. In the morning, I'll probably get out here early."

Brian Davis was alone in fourth after shooting 64 despite a swollen face from an abscess inside his mouth. Davis left after his round to see a doctor.

There was a group of nine players at 65, one shot better than John Daly, who had his first bogey-free round in two years. Defending champion Steve Stricker shot 68.



Serbia's Ana Ivanovic reacts after being defeated by Russia's Alisa Kleybanova during a second round match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, Thursday, May 27, 2010.

Associated Press

Ivanovic eliminated at rainy French Open

STEVEN WINE
AP Sports Writer
PARIS (AP) — Ana Ivanovic
hit another low in her slide
since winning the French
Open two years ago, losing
6-3, 6-0 to 28th-seeded Alisa
Kleybanova of Russia in
the second round on a rainy
Thursday.

The former No. 1 player was unseeded because she's ranked only 42nd. The defeat marked her earliest exit in six trips to the French Open.

"It was a combination of a few things," Ivanovic said. "I don't think I played that bad, actually. For a while I think she didn't miss a ball at all."

The match lasted barely an hour — brief enough to be completed between showers. Play was delayed for 4½ hours at the start, and there were two later interruptions.

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Greipel wins 18th stage of Giro d'Italia

BRESCIA, Italy (AP) — Germany's Andre Greipel won the 18th stage of the Giro d'Italia in a mass sprint finish on Thursday, while David Arroyo Duran of Spain held onto the race leader's pink jersey.

Greipel, who rides for HTC-Columbia, completed the 140 kilometers (87 miles) from Levico Terme to Brescia in 3 hours, 14 minutes and 59 seconds.

Garmin rider Julian Dean of New Zealand took second place and Italy's Tiziano Dall'Antonia finished third for Liquigas. Alan Marangoni and Olivier Kaisen led the first breakaway at the 120 kilometer mark and maintained a lead of two minutes for the majority of the race.

On a flat run, the peloton stayed patient and brought the lead



Germany's Andre Greipel sprints on his way to win the 18th stage of the Giro d'Italia, tour of Italy cycling race from Levico Terme to Brescia, Italy, May 27, 2010.

Associated Press

down to less than a minute 10 kilometers from the finish. Sky's Bradley Wiggins initially led the attack over the last kilometer, before fading and allowing Greipel to lead home the mass sprint of 107 riders.

In the overall standings, Arroyo Duran of Caisse d'Epargne maintains his 2 minute, 27 second lead over Italian rider Ivan Basso in second place.

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Bolt easily wins 300 meters at Golden Spike



Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt crosses a finnish line to win the men's 300 meters race at the IAAF World Challenge Golden Spike athletic meeting in Ostrava, Czech Republic, Thursday, May 27, 2010.

Associated Press.

KAREL JANICEK,

Associated Press Writer

OSTRAVA, Czech Republic (AP) — Usain Bolt won a rarely contested 300-meter race in 30.97 seconds in rain at the Golden Spike on Thursday.

Bolt, who holds the world records in the 100 and 200, was boosted by a solid start and cruised to an easy victory. But the wet track, marked by puddles, prevented him from challenging the world mark of 30.85 set by Michael Johnson at Pretoria in 2000.

Fellow Jamaican Jermaine Gonzales clocked 32.49 for second, and Jonathan Borlee of Belgium had 32.50 for third.

The IAAF does not recognize the 300 world record as it was not at major events.

Bolt didn't blame the rain for not setting a new record.

"I'm used to weather in Europe, I'm getting used to rain," Bolt said.

"I'm not in the shape I was last year or the year before. If I was in a good shape I think I would get a record."

He didn't rule out giving the 300 another try to expand his sprint dominance.

"It was a good run, I really

enjoyed it," he said. "I would do it again some time."

But after his first competitive 300, Bolt didn't look like he was in a rush to race another.

"I'm done, I'm really tired. I knew it would be painful," he said. "It's really hard, especially in the cold weather in Europe, when the air is cool, it's kind of hard to breathe

"The problem was I went too hard in the first 200 meters. The last hundred meters were too tough. This distance is a little different than 200 meters, you can't compare it."

While the rain stopped briefly, Bolt's countryman Asafa Powell led Jamaica's sweep of the 100 in 9.83, the world's best time this season

On the way, Powell improved the best world time in the 100 yards to 9.07 seconds.

Powell broke the previous best of 9.21 set by Charlie Greene of the United States in 1967. Organizers of the IAAF world challenge series event took the 100 yards (91.41 meters) split time.

"I was disappointed when I saw the rain but I was happy then when the rain stopped, shortly before the start," Powell said. "I'm very satisfied with the time. The weather condition didn't mean a lot. I feel good, I'm in good shape."

Lerone Clarke was second in 10.18, and Dexter Lee third in 10.20

The IAAF also doesn't recognize 100 yards for world records as it was no longer at major events.

Bolt said he was impressed by Powell's performance, and looked forward to racing him in the 100 at the Diamond League meet in France on July 16, and again at the Van Damme Memorial in August together with Tyson Gay. Jamaican Shelly-Ann Fraser, the women's 100 world and Olympic champion, claimed the women's 100 in 11.04, with Chandra Sturrup of the Bahamas second in 11.13, and another Jamaican, Sheri-Ann Brooks, third in 11.17. "I'm satisfied that I ran very close to 11 seconds in this crazy weather," Fraser said.

American Kerron Clement, a two-time 400 hurdles world champion, used a strong finish to win in 48.69, edging Britain's David Greene in 49.05 and Jamaican Isa Phillips in 49.16.

Olympic 110 hurdles champ Dayron Robles of Cuba, who set the world record of 12.87 seconds in Ostrava in 2008, crossed in 13.12 in heavy rain, with Petr Svoboda of the Czech Republic second in 13.55, and William Sharman of Britain third in 13.57.

"The track is fast, it was just the rain," Robles said. "I'm OK with the time."

Chaunte Howard Lowe of the United States cleared 1.98 meters

to win the women's high jump. Blanka Vlasic of Croatia, winner at the indoor worlds this year, was third with 1.92.

Yusuf Biwott of Kenya clocked 7:31.68, the world's best time this season, to take the men's 3,000. Petr Frydrych of the Czech Republic delighted the 22,000 spectators in the sold-out stadium by winning the men's javelin with a season-best throw of 88.23 meters, his personal best.



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NBA Playoffs

Magic beats Celtics 113-92, cuts deficit to 3-2

ANTONIO GONZALEZ
Associated Press Writer
ORLANDO, Florida (AP)
— The Orlando Magic
took another step toward
overcoming an improbable
3-0 series deficit, beating
the Boston Celtics 113-92
on Wednesday to make it
3-2 in the NBA's Eastern
Conference finals.

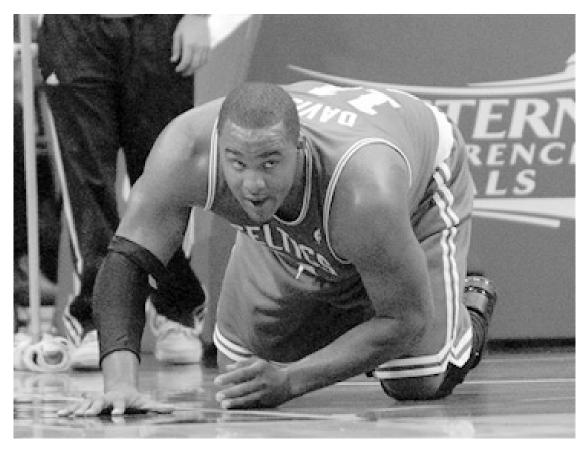
Orlando's Dwight Howard had 21 points and 10 rebounds to help keep the Magic alive heading into Game 6 in Boston on Friday. "I don't know if you can say you have momentum when you're down 3-2 going into their place," Magic coach Stan Van Gundy said. "I still look at it like we're climbing a huge mountain here. But we are playing better."

A series that looked like a sweep a few days ago now has the Celtics under pressure, and facing the possibility of being without Kendrick Perkins. The starting center picked up his seventh technical foul of the playoffs, incurring a mandatory suspension unless it is overturned.

A potential Game 7 would be in Orlando.

No NBA team has won a series after losing the first three games. The Magic, seemingly lifeless after a blowout defeat in Game 3, suddenly have hope to be the first. They broke out of their series-long shooting slump, making 13-of-25 3-pointers. "They are a great team when they get a lead, because then those 3s are easy," Celtics coach Doc Rivers said. "We never applied any real pressure."

Jameer Nelson scored 24 points, and J.J. Redick had 14 to help the Magic to a frenetic pace that the Celtics couldn't sustain. Howard added five blocks as Orlando



Boston Celtics' Glen Davis (11) stumbles as he tries to get up after a hit to the face during the second half against the Orlando Magic in Game 5 of the NBA Eastern Conference basketball finals in Orlando, Fla., Wednesday May 26, 2010.

Associated Press

built an early 14-point lead that was never seriously challenged. Rasheed Wallace had 21 points, and Ray Allen scored 19 for Boston, who lost Glen

Davis to concussion early after an inadvertent elbow from Howard.

Davis tried to get up as play continued on the other end, wobbling his way to midcourt, almost falling flat as referee Joey Crawford kept him from tumbling to the court.

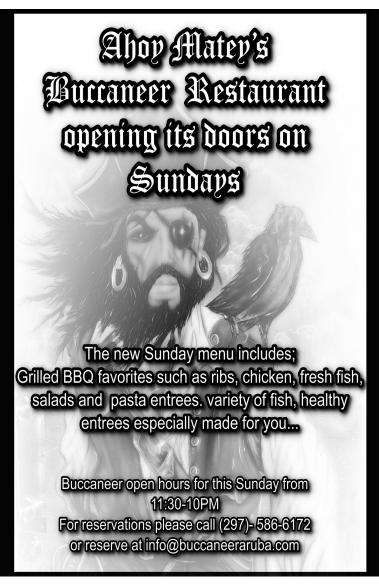
Rivers said Davis "blacked out" on the court, and the training staff will examine the forward Thursday.

"I don't know what kind of tests they're going to do with Baby. He's a little delirious anyway," Rivers said, chuckling.

Things got even worse for the Celtics when Perkins was ejected after he picked up his second technical of the game and seventh of the postseason for arguing with officials.

That means Perkins, one of the best defenders in the league on Howard, will be suspended for Game 6 unless the NBA rescinds the technical. The league reviews every technical.

"I didn't think he deserved either one. But he got them," Rivers said.





NL Roundup

Padres overcome Cardinals

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Jerry Hairston Jr. homered with two outs in the 13th inning to give the San Diego Padres a 2-1 win over the St. Louis Cardinals in the National League on Wednesday.

Hairston homered to leftcenter on the first pitch from Mitchell Boggs (0-2), the Cardinals' seventh pitcher, to end the game. It was his second straight game-winning homer, as his solo shot on Tuesday was enough for the Padres to beat the Cards 1-0. San Diego reliever Edward Mujica (2-0) pitched two perfect innings for the win.

The Cardinals got consecutive singles by Colby Rasmus and Yadier Molina opening the 11th, but a double play snuffed chances for a run.

Mets 5, Phillies 0

(AP) NEW YORK Hisanori Takahashi pitched six scoreless innings as New York shut out Philadelphia for the second straight game.

Takahashi (4-1) did not walk a batter and struck out six, while Phillies starter Joe Blanton (1-3) gave up five runs and walked four.

Jose Reyes homered and drove in two runs in his fourth straight multihit game, while Rod Baraias had a two-run double and a sacrifice fly for the Mets.

Luis Castillo had two of New

York's four stolen bases in their fourth straight win.

Dodgers 8, Cubs 5

In Chicago, Chad Billingsley won his fourth consecutive start to lead Los Angeles over Chicago.

Billingsley (6-2) got the win despite conceding a seasonworst 10 hits.

James Loney had three hits and was a home run short of the cycle, while Casey Blake homered and drove in two runs for the Dodgers.

The game was delayed for 18 minutes in top of the fourth inning after a nearby fire caused the lights to go out at Wrigley Field.

Chicago starter Tom Gorzelanny (2-5) gave up a season-worst seven runs in five-plus innings.

Braves 7, Marlins 3

In Miami, Troy Glaus drove in two of Atlanta's six runs in the seventh inning as the Braves downed Florida.

Atlanta sent 11 men to the plate in the seventh.

Braves starter Tommy Hanson (4-3) picked up the win, allowing two runs over six innings.

Burke Marlins reliever Badenhop (0-5) took the loss. Nationals 7, Giants 3

In San Francisco. Tim Lincecum lost for the first time this season, lasting only 4 2-3 innings and allowing a seasonhigh six runs in Washington's win over San Francisco.

Lincecum (5-1), who has only one win in his past six starts, allowed six hits, walked five and hit a batter. It was his shortest outing of the season and the most earned runs he has allowed in a game since 2008.

Ian Desmond drove in a season-high three runs, and Josh Willingham added two hits and two RBIs for the Nationals

Washington starter Atilano (4-1) pitched 5 1-3 innings for the win and didn't walk anyone for the first time this season

Reds 4, Pirates 0

Cincinnati. Bronson In Arroyo pitched into the eighth inning for his fifth straight win, guiding Cincinnati past Pittsburgh.

Arroyo (5-2) allowed no extrabase hits in 7 2-3 innings. Reliever Daniel Ray Herrera pitched out of a bases-loaded threat in the eighth.

Orlando Cabrera drove in two runs with a sacrifice fly and a single for the Reds, while Miguel Cairo had a solo homer off Pirates starter Ross Ohlendorf (0-3), who was in trouble most of his six innings, giving up eight hits and walking five.

Rockies 7, Diamondbacks 3 In Denver, Ubaldo Jimenez



San Diego Padres' Jerry Hairston Jr. is congratulated by third base coach Glenn Hoffman as he rounds the bases with a walk off homer in the 13th inning that gave the Padres a 2-1 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals in a baseball game Wednesday May 26, 2010 in San Diego.

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threw eight shutout innings to earn his major leagueleading ninth victory, helping Colorado defeat Arizona.

Jimenez (9-1) continued his dominant start to the season, extending his current scoreless streak to 16 1-3 innings and dropping his ERA to 0.88.

Seth Smith homered twice, Carlos Gonzalez also went long and Miguel Olivo had three hits for the Rockies, who have won a season-best four straight.

Mark Reynolds hit his 12th home run orf the season for the Diamondbacks, who have lost three in a row.

Arizona starter Rodrigo Lopez (2-3) gave up four runs and walked four.

Astros 5, Brewers 0 In Milwaukee, Roy Oswalt threw eight dominant innings in his first start since requesting a trade as Houston downed Milwaukee.

Oswalt (3-6) walked only one and struck out nine of his final 16 batters.

The Astros gave Oswalt his most run support this season by scoring four runs off Milwaukee starter Chris Narveson (4-2).

In other NL games it was, Atlanta 7, Florida 3; N.Y. Mets 5, Philadelphia 0; Cincinnati 4, Pittsburgh 0; L.A. Dodgers 8, Chicago Houston Cubs 5; Milwaukee 0; Colorado 7, Arizona 3; San Diego 2, St. Louis 1, 13 innings; and Washington 7, San Francisco 3.

French Open

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In other women's matches, No. 4-seeded Jelena Jankovic, No. 5 Elena Dementieva, and No. 11 Li Na won, while 39-year-old Kimiko Date Krumm lost to Jarmila Groth of Australia 6-0, 6-3.

Date Krumm became the oldest woman since 1985 to reach the second round when she upset former No. 1 Dinara Safina, the runner-up in 2008 and 2009.

Three seeded women were beaten: No. 8 Agnieszka Radwanska, No. 21 Vera Zvonareva and No. 32 Kateryna Bondarenko.

Radwanska was upset Yaroslava Shvedova of Kazakhstan 7-5, 6-3. Zvonareva lost to Anastasia Rodionova of Australia 6-4, 6-4. Bondarenko was beaten by Aleksandra Wozniak of Canada 6-4, 6-1.

Jankovic eliminated Kaia Kanepi of Estonia 6-2, 3-6,

6-4. Li defeated Stephanie Cohen-Aloro of France following the long delay at the start of the day, 6-2, 6-2.

"It's not very pleasant to have to wait," Cohen-Aloro said. "But we're all in the same situation." On the men's side, No. 4 Andy Murray beat Juan Ignacio Chela of Argentina 6-2, 6-7 (5), 6-3, 6-2, and No. 6 Andy Roddick lost serve seven times yet still beat Blaz Kavcic of Slovenia 6-3, 5-7, 6-4, 6-2.

"I don't know the last time I lost serve seven times and won," Roddick said. "So, I mean, it's bad, but there's got to be something good in there somewhere, too.

The only seeded man to lose was No. 13 Gael Monfils, who lost to Fabio Fognini of Italy 2-6, 4-6, 7-5, 6-4, 9-7. The match had been suspended because of darkness on Wednesday at 5-all in the fifth set.

No. 17 John Isner of the United States and No. 25 Marcos Baghdatis also advanced. Sixteen singles were postponed,

including involving those Rafael Nadal. Novak Djokovic and Serena Williams, meaning they won't play their secondround matches until at least Friday — the sixth day of the tournament. Nadal faces Horacio Zeballos, Djokovic plays Kei Nishikori, and Williams takes on Julia



Goerges of Germany.



SPURIS ENDING

AL Roundup

White Sox survive ejections, rally to beat Indians

CLEVELAND (AP) — Mark Buehrle's ejection in the third inning for arguing a balk didn't rattle the Chicago White Sox, who regrouped after losing their starting pitcher to survive a dangerous ninth to beat the Cleveland Indians 5-4 on Wednesday.

Buehrle and manager Ozzie Guillen were both tossed by first-base umpire Joe West, who called two balks on the left-hander in the first three innings.

Mark Kotsay hit a two-run homer off Jake Westbrook (2-3) and Mark Teahen drove in two runs as Chicago won two of three over Cleveland to capture their first road series this season.

Bobby Jenks nearly blew a 5-1 lead in the ninth, allowing the Indians to score three runs before striking out Austin Kearns with the bases loaded and getting Russell Branyan to fly out.

Yankees 1, Twins 0, comp. of susp. game

Yankees 3, Twins 2

At Minneapolis, Nick Swisher homered in the top of the ninth inning, allowing Mariano Rivera to record his second save in less than four hours for New York.

Swisher hit his solo shot off Twins closer Jon Rauch (1-1), the third two-out run scored by the Yankees in the second game.

Derek Jeter homered and made a highlight-reel play at shortstop in the sixth inning of the first game, which was completed after being halted by rain the night before.

Rivera pitched the ninth inning for the save in the first game, making up for his only blown chance of the season 10 days ago at Yankee Stadium against the Twins.

Red Sox 11, Rays 3

At St. Petersburg, Florida, Adrian Beltre homered twice and matched a career high



Second base umpire Angel Hernandez pushes Chicago White Sox starting pitcher Mark Buehrle toward the dugout after Buehrle was ejected from a baseball game against the Cleveland Indians in the third inning Wednesday, May 26, 2010, in Cleveland. Buehrle was called for his second balk of the game and was ejected when he threw his glove. Associated Press

with six RBIs to lead Boston to its eighth win in nine games and a three-game sweep of Tampa Bay.

Beltre had four hits, finishing a double shy of the cycle after his ninth-inning triple helped put the game out of reach. David Ortiz homered for the sixth time in 11 games.

John Lackey (5-3) allowed two runs over 6 1-3 innings, pitching his best with runners in scoring position. Athletics 6, Orioles 1

At Baltimore, Trevor Cahill allowed two hits over six innings, and Adam Rosales homered and drove in four runs as Oakland ended a sixgame road losing streak with a

win over Baltimore.

Cahill (3-2) allowed one run, walked three and struck out three, and Rajai Davis had three hits, stole a career-high three bases and scored twice for the A's.

Brian Matusz (2-5) gave up six runs and eight hits in fiveplus innings for Baltimore. The left-hander has lost five straight decisions.
Angels 6, Blue Jays 5
At Anaheim, California,
Bobby Abreu hit an oppositefield RBI single with two out
in the ninth inning, atoning
for his error that led to a tying
run as Los Angeles edged
Toronto.

Joel Pineiro bounced back from one of the worst outings of his career with six innings of two-hit ball and left after six innings with a 5-3 lead thanks to Hideki Matsui's two-run homer.

Mariners 5, Tigers 4

At Seattle, Mike Sweeney hit a two-run homer off relief pitcher Ryan Perry and Josh Wilson capped the eighthinning rally with a two-run single as Seattle beat Detroit. Down 4-1 entering the eighth, Franklin Gutierrez got it started with a leadoff single before Sweeney belted his sixth homer in the last 10 games two batters later. After a single by Jose Lopez and double by Rob Johnson, Wilson singled into left-center field to give Seattle the lead. Royals 5, Rangers 2

At Kansas City, Missouri, Billy Butler homered and Luke Hochevar pitched eight strong innings to lead Kansas City past Texas.

Hochevar (5-2) held the Rangers to two runs on six hits, striking out four and walking none, and Joakim Soria worked the ninth for his 11th save in 13 chances and the 100th of his career.

In other AL games it was, Cleveland 7, Chicago White Sox 3; Baltimore 5, Oakland 1; Boston 2, Tampa Bay 0; N.Y. Yankees 1, Minnesota 0, comp. of susp. Game, N.Y. Yankees 3, Minnesota 2; Texas 8, Kansas City 7; L.A. Angels 8 Toronto 3; and Seattle 5, Detroit 3.

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Friday, May 28, 2010

From **Massachusetts** to Aruba **Kerri & Matt** embrace in **Matrimony**



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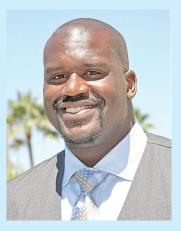
By Angela Munzenhofer RADISSON-On May 21, 2010, Kerri Walsh Matt Magoon united in matrimony at Radisson Aruba Resort. The lovebirds both grew up in Wakefield Massachusetts. They attended school together and Kerri was one year

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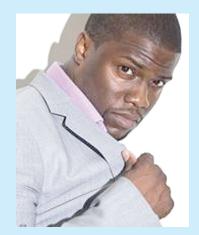
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Performances by Mary J. Blige, Raheem DeVaughn, Toni Braxton, Joe Thomas









ORANJESTAD -Thousands of music enthusiasts return for the 10th Annual Soul Beach Music Festival Hosted by Aruba featuring legendary talent and the best of R&B, soulful performances sure to satisfy connoisseurs of pure grooves. Bringing extreme flavor and heating up the main stage concerts Memorial Day weekend are supreme heavy hitters including (9) Grammy awards winning, and (8) multiplatinum records musical great Mary J. Blige, (5) Grammy winning artist extraordinaire Toni Braxton, R&B multi-platinum sensation Joe Thomas,

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Grammy nominated singer/songwriter genius Raheem DeVaughn along with a high-decibel comedic round-up of film & television notable Comedian/ Actors entertainment featuring Kevin Hart, Mark Curry and Chris Spencer. The 10th Annual Soul Beach Music Festival Hosted by Aruba will tantalize the multitudes with five days of cosmopolitan bliss Memorial Day Weekend, May 26-3.

Festival goers delve into five remarkable days of savory indulgences; culinary extravagances, aquatic rhapsodies at pulsating beach jams and live it up into

the night at exclusive after-parties. A special original program screening of the new HBO series "Treme" enchants local movie audiences to set in motion three nights of mesmerizing concert performances where imaginations will come to life and warm vibes stimulate the soul at Joe Laveist Stadium, San Nicholas, and the vivacious essence of Aruba's tropical haven. "We're proud of this year's festival line-up and our partnership with the Soul Beach Music Festival organizers.

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Pittsburgh Steelers' most famous football player on Aruba

Franco Harris celebrates his Big 60th at Cuba's Cookin'!

Speeches of thanks made to all



Franco jammin' on their tambourines.

ORANJESTAD - Who would have known that the Pittsburgh Steelers' most famous football player of all time would roll into Aruba with his entire management Super Bakery Company workforce, still situated in his ol' home town of Pittsburgh. And little did Franco know his staff would be setting him up for a big surprise 60th at Cuba's Cookin' Restaurant

were in plenty and when the live music came on - Franco and restaurant owner Douglass Markus wasted no time getting up to the front of the room grabbing their tambourines to see who could outplay and out sing who? Everyone had been forewarned earlier that Franco loves to sing but his particular off key tone kept the band from placing the microphone too close

& then time for the birthday cake and Franco along with his best friend Lydell Mitchell of the Baltimore Colts, made sure that all the other patrons of the restaurant got a piece of cake and of their very generous souls. As people left they all went over to thank Franco who stood there with Lydell, kindly signing their autographs to all of their enthusiastic fans. And why not? The one time Steeler's star player is still one of the kindest & giving celebrities around. It was a truly fun and special night as the staff at Cuba's Cookin' said goodbye by leading a dancing conga line right out the front door & onto their waiting bus.

Cuba's Cookin' is Downtown across the police station; open lunch & dinner, live music every night starting @ 7pm.



Franco with some of the staff & owner of Cuba's Cookin'



Celebrating FIFTY years of marriage

George and Janice Exchange Life Rings aboard the Jolly Pirates!



MALMOK - Lovebirds George and Janice Ragsdale of Palm Desert, California turn to Aruba's Jolly Pirates to create a unique vow renewal at Sea.

To continue to keep the stars in their eyes for years to come, daughter Carol Ragsdale had a plan to add light – hearted nautical nuptials to her parents snorkel cruise aboard the Jolly Pirates.

While the teak schooner was moored along the scenic coast,

George and Janice said their "I do's" for a second time.

In keeping with the Jolly Pirates Ship's tradition, the Sweethearts from California exchanged the ship's life rings. Daughter Carol, with a boatful of onlookers and good friends like Yolanda and Fred Parker, George and Janice Ragsdale sealed the deal one more time with a sloppy kiss and a pirate - promise to be true, during the light-hearted vow renewals which were performed

by Jolly Pirates, Captain Ron. Glasses of the ship's signature drink Pirate's Poison were raised to toast the couple's special day. There is no charge for a Jolly Pirates vow renewal ceremony, which can be conducted during any of the Jolly Pirate cruises offered. Renewals can be requested onboard or in advance when making your reservation for your trip.

Weddings and wedding receptions complete with cake, champagne, flowers, music, photographers and whatever else you might require to make your day extra special, can also be arranged.











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ORANJESTAD -- Anxious to take their turn at the microphone, newly weds Rebecca & Frank Montalvo, from New Jersey, staying at the Hyatt Regency, where they got married on Sunday. They went to Garufa Cigar & Cocktail Lounge, on Wilhelminastraat, in the heart of Oranjestad, to sing Karaoke with their wedding guests, also determined to mingle with the locals, and make some new friends.

Karaoke at Garufa every Tuesday introduces entertainer Giovanni Trim, who spins music and provides lyrics in four different languages.

On Friday night Claudius Philips and his group OREO will move and groove guests at the elegant lounge while Jibison on Saturday will present Salsa Night, playing the latest and hottest Latin music.



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Elegant Holy Communion Party for Lincy Keyla Geerman





PALM BEACH -- Proud parents Lourdes Gharib and Ronny Geerman gave their princess an elegant First Holy Communion party at Amazonia Churrascaria, in the private banquet room. The guests enjoyed the festive occasion and appreciated the delicious food in the company of family members and friends.

Restaurant manager Huber Solagnier reports that Amazonia Churrascaria will be celebrating Father's Day in the next month while continuing to host many first holy communion parties, big and small, as the island's children first partake in the communion church ritual, followed by a family celebration.

















New President & Country Head Appointed to RBTT Bank NV Curacao



WILLEMSTAD - Mr. Suresh Sookoo, Chief Executive Officer of the RBTT Financial Group, is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Robert de Silva to the position of President & Country Head – RBTT Bank NV in Curacao and Bonaire.

In his new role, Mr. de Silva will provide strategic direction

and overall management for RBTT's personal and business banking streams in Curacao and Bonaire, with particular focus on enhancing customer relationships and achieving sustainable growth.

Mr. de Silva joined the RBTT Group in 2002 as Assistant General Manager for RBTT's Personal & Commercial Banking operations in Trinidad and Tobago. He was General Manager of that unit until 2008, when he assumed responsibility for RBTT's operations in the Eastern Caribbean, encompassing Antigua, St. Lucia, St. Kitts and Nevis, St Vincent and Grenada. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Economics from the University of Waterloo in Canada and an Executive Diploma from the Richard Ivey School of Business, University of Western Ontario, Canada.

The Directorate of Public Transportation Aruba hereby brings the following to the attention of the public general making use of taxi services during the upcoming Soul Beach Music Festival.

Based on the transportation of a maximum of 5 passengers per taxi, the fare from the High Rise Hotels to the Entertainment Centre on Friday, 28th of May 2010 is \$18 and from the Low Rise Hotels to the afore mentioned destination is \$15

From the High and Low Rise Hotels to Joe Laveist Sport Park in San Nicolas (one way): for the events on Saturday, 29th of May 2010 and Sunday, 30th of May 2010, the maximum fare to be charged is \$45 (forty five US dollars).

The extra \$3 charge for the use of a taxi during the nightly hours and weekends does **not** apply for passengers visiting the abovementioned events.

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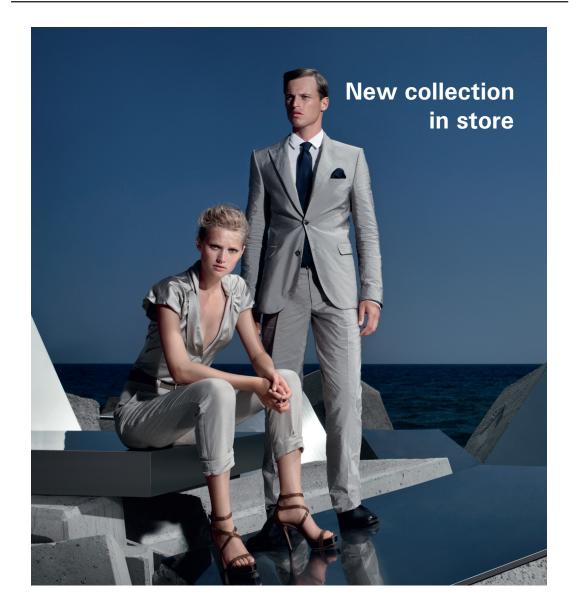
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Rayanne celebrates First Communion





GASPARITO Rayanne Nadine Davelaar made her first communion last week Saturday Birgen Fatima Dakota. The proud parents Raymond and Isaira were proud to see their daughter receive

her First Communion.
The celebration continued at Buccaneer
Restaurant with 70 guests. Rayanne looked
gorgeous in her communion dress with her
parents and brother Zhayron by her side as
guests entered the Buccaneer Restaurant.

The theme of her communion was butterflies in an array of pink colors throughout the restaurant and a table of

desserts as you entered the grotto setting. The afternoon luncheon was a perfect setting for a wonderful day for Rayanne and family. Congratulations from your parents, brother, grandparents Tony and Edith Tromp and grandparents Otto and Myrtha Davelaar. God Bless You!!!

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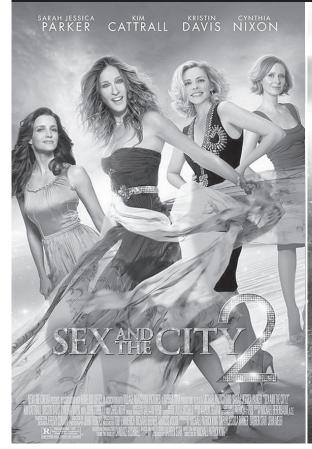
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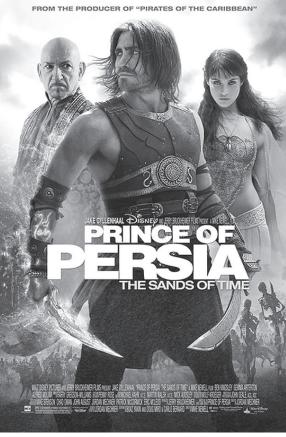






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ORANJESTAD - Enjoy your Paella and Sangria together with this fantastic live show! The downtown atmosphere is cool and relaxed with its in- and outside seating.

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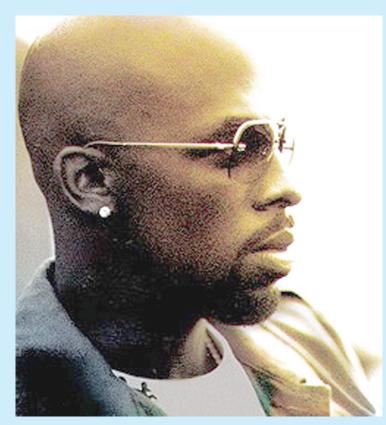
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line-up and our partnership with the Soul Beach Music Festival organizers. The island is ready to host and celebrate this event together with the performing artists and the festival attendees. This year we're hosting you in San Nicolas, a Caribbean melting pot where music is an expression of everyday life." said the Minister of Tourism, Transportation and Labor, Otmar E. Oduber. 'Since the 1980's, Aruba has been the proud host of some of the best music artists in the world. This year we're expanding our horizon and

we're hosting our first Aruba International Film Festival June 4-11, with some of the best in the film industry. Our aim is to provide experiences that our guests enjoy and that our own communities can benefit from. Aruba brings out the best of the performing artists and our guests because of the relaxing, friendly atmosphere, and by offering the best in accommodations, cuisine and activities."

Up to the minute festival coverage of the 10th Annual Soul Beach Music Festival Hosted by Aruba augments the latest happenings by way of live remotes from local hot spots rotating out to radio stations: Los Angeles KJLH with Adai, Washington DC WHUR with Triscina Grey, New York WBLS with Egypt, Charlotte WBAZ with Chirl Girl, St. Maarten Laser 101 with Gee Money and ABC Doug & Dede show syndicated radio network as well as special guest promotions by Syndication One Ricky Smiley morning show reaching over 40 North American markets. Topping off the vigorous events, the nightly parties spin out till daybreak with celebrity guest DJ performances by General Lee.

"We believe that connecting people to what matters to them empowers them to make the most out of every moment and this continuously inspires us to deliver the next era of connectivity along with the 10th Annual Soul Beach Music Festival unwavering sponsors and partners to enhance our market leadership through simplicity, trust and relevance," said Mark Adkins, producer. "Aruba supports our vision for building a strategic collaboration and we are fortunate to share in their accelerated growth and this year's expansion of Aruba's support provides the opportunity to bring a higher level of artist, awareness, and results for Aruba and Soul Beach.'

Friday, May 28th - The 10th Annual Soul Beach Music Festival Hosted by Aruba inaugurates the main stage concerts with "Shaquille O'Neal All Star Comedy Jam" at the Aruba Entertainment Center with a line-up of comedic greats dispensing cosmic wisdom and gut hitting oneliners on the main stage featuring:

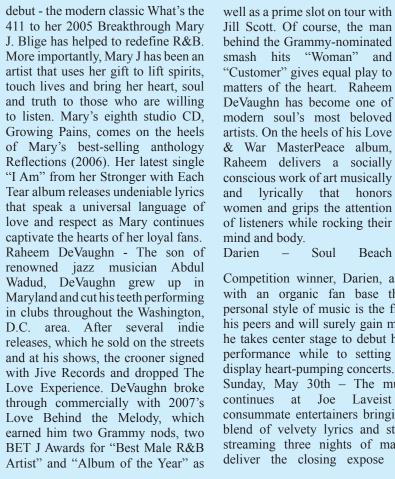


Kevin Hart: Kevin has the uncanny ability to flip the proverbial script and integrates his comedic routines to the fit the audience. His screen appeal has led him to be featured in films such as Paper Soldiers, Scary Movie 3, Along Came Polly, and Scary Movie 4.

Mark Curry: Mark is best known for his starring role in the ABC sitcom "Hangin' with Mr. Cooper," along with countless other television & film credits but his own stand-up comedy special for Comedy Central unveils his undeniable humor and keen sense of improvisational timing.

Chris Spencer: Chris is a versatile comedian and actor with irrepressible flair and commitment to his art. He has costarred in television series, "Soul Food," and had recurring roles on "The Jamie Foxx Show and "In Living Color," along with countless appearances in television commercials. Saturday, May 29th - Swinging into full gear to commence the musical fireworks at Joe Laveist Stadium are gifted, spirited and mind-blowing performers:

Mary J. Blige - There's little, if any, denying that Mary J. Blige is one of the greatest singers of our time. The proof is in the consistent #1 albums and singles, six (9) Grammy awards, seven (8) multi-platinum records and 15-years of love from the public, critics and fellow artists. Since her 1992



Toni Braxton - With an impressive catalog of six during Aruba's carnival season, Youth Extreme, albums (alongside 2003's best-selling Ultimate has gained has gained popularity with an extensive Collection), Toni Braxton has built a worldwide base touring between Holland and the Antilles. The base of music lovers since she first burst onto the first CD release, "Beyond Greatness" symbolizes contemporary music scene in 1991 with "Love their abounding musical range and will be revealed Shoulda Brought You Home" (from the soundtrack in to the delight of festival goers complimenting of the hit movie "Boomerang"). As the 'First Lady while complimenting the last night of top-notch Of LaFace Records,' Toni's creative partnership with Antonio 'L.A.' Reid and Kenneth 'Babyface' Edmonds yielded a non-stop run of multi-platinum albums with 1993's Toni Braxton, 1996's Secrets to the 2000 set The Heat. Along the way, Toni distinguished herself with unforgettable hit singles such as "Another Sad Love Song," "Breathe Again," "Un-Break My Heart," "You're Makin' Me High" and "He Wasn't Man Enough" picking up five Grammy Awards in the process. In 2008 she received critical acclaim for her debut show, Toni Braxton: Revealed at the Flamingo Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas. Her new single, "Hands Tied" from her sixth album release, Pulse, shows off her timeless lyrical brilliancy.

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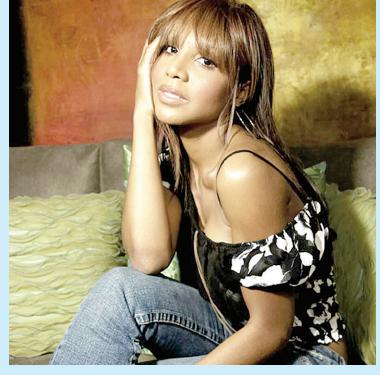
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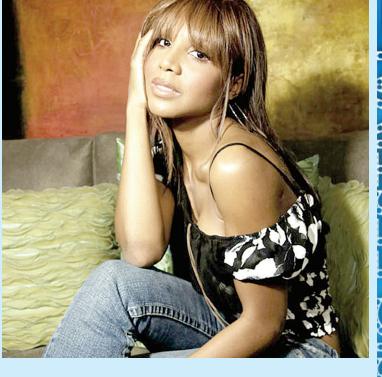
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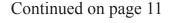
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more dancing until morning. Kerri and Matt scheduled a photo shoot at Bushiribari a few days later with their photographer to capture more of Aruba's natural beauty.

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MODERN CIVIL RIGHTS: COCKFIGHTING AND SAME-SEX PROMS

Watching TV this week, at first I thought Republican Senate nominee Rand Paul had flown a commercial jet into the World Trade Center. But then it turned out that he had only said there ought to be discussion about whether federal civil rights laws should be applied to private businesses.

This allowed the mainstream media to accuse Paul of being a racist. Twisting a conservative's words in order to accuse him of racism was evidently more urgent news than the fact that the attorney general of the United States admitted last week -- under oath in a congressional hearing -- that he had not read the 10-page Arizona law on illegal immigration, the very law he was noisily threatening to overturn. And really, how could the U.S. attorney general have time to read a 10-page law when he's busy doing all the Sunday morning TV shows condemning it?

Eric Holder's astonishing admission was completely ignored by ABC, CBS, NBC, NPR, The New York Times, The Washington Post, USA Today, Los Angeles Times, The Associated Press, Time or Newsweek, according to Brent Bozell of the Media Research Center.

I just want to say: I think it's fantastic that the Democrats have finally come out against race discrimination. Any day now, maybe they'll come out for fighting the Cold War. Perhaps 100 years from now, they'll be ready to fight the war on terrorism or champion the rights of the unborn. It would be a big help, though, if Democrats could support good causes when it mattered.

But as long as the media are so fascinated with the question of why anyone would want to "discuss" certain aspects of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, maybe they should ask Al Gore why his father was one of the leading opponents of the bill.

Or they could ask Bill Clinton, whose mentor, Sen. William Fulbright, actively supported segregation and also voted against the bill. Or they could talk to the only current member of the Senate to vote against it, Democrat Bob Byrd.

As with the 1957 and 1960 civil rights acts, it was Republicans who passed the 1964 Civil Rights Act by huge majorities. A distinctly smaller majority of Democrats voted for it.

In the Senate, for example, 82 percent of Republicans voted for the act, compared with only 66 percent of Democrats. In the House, 80 percent of Republicans supported the law, compared with only 63 percent of Democrats.

With even all Democrats coming aboard on opposition to race discrimination (and it only took them 45 years!) I think we can stipulate that everyone in America is opposed to discrimination

against black

Now let's talk about the "civil rights" lawsuits that are actually brought in modern America. Today's "civil rights" lawsuits have nothing to do with black Americans. Worse, blacks are used as props to benefit the Democrats' favored constituencies: feminists and trial lawyers.

Democratic political consultant Bob Shrum pioneered the technique, running ads against Republican Ellen Sauerbrey in the 1998 Maryland gubernatorial race, accusing her of having "a civil rights record to be ashamed of." To really drive the point home, Shrum's ads showed sad-looking black people in front of a mural of Africa.

Of course, if I were forced to appear in political ads for Bob Shrum, I'd be sad, too.

But the only "civil rights" bill that Sauerbrey opposed had nothing to do with blacks. It was a sexual harassment bill that was so silly that Democrats in the Maryland legislature helped kill it.

Similarly, the vast bulk of "civil rights" lawsuits today have nothing to do with race. Although plaintiffs will jam every possible allegation of discrimination in their complaints, in 2009, according to the website of the Equal Opportunity Employment Commission, 65 percent of all civil rights claims brought had absolutely nothing to do with race discrimination.

These days, a typical federal "civil rights" case is the one brought this year by the Game Fowl Breeders Association in New Mexico claiming their "civil rights" have been violated by a state law banning cockfighting.

Another modern "civil rights" lawsuit charged that a McDonald's restaurant violated the Americans With Disabilities Act by hanging a bathroom mirror two inches too high for people in wheelchairs. The error was made when employees replaced the original mirror, which had been destroyed by vandals, with a shorter one. The restaurant owner, Ron Piazza, corrected the problem as soon as it was brought to his attention, but he got sued anyway. Curiously, the plaintiffs had retained their McDonalds' receipts, allowing them to claim damages for 27 separate visits to the restaurant.

And of course there are all the lesbians shutting down high school proms across the country because they can't take their girlfriends to the dance as the Founding Fathers intended.

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Half a century ago, Democrats beat up the Freedom Riders. Today the Democrats insult the Freedom Riders by comparing them to irritating lesbians, lawsuit-happy disabled persons and cockfighters.

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Excéntrico matemático busca la presidencia de Colombia

BOGOTA (Reuters) - Un excéntrico matemático que se bajó los pantalones para mostrar su trasero en un auditorio repleto de estudiantes, que orinó públicamente desde un balcón de una universidad y que contrajo matrimonio bajo la carpa de un circo, busca ser el próximo presidente de Colombia.

Antanas Mockus, hijo de inmigrantes lituanos, se presenta como una opción política e del domingo al candidato oficialista del Partido de la U, Juan Manuel Santos, con quien está empatado técnicamente en las encuestas de intención de voto para los comicios que al parecer tendrán que dirimir en una segunda vuelta, el 20 de junio.

Mientras que Santos representa continuidad de Uribe, quien después de ocho años de Gobierno mantiene una popularidad de un 68 por ciento por su ofensiva militar contra la guerrilla izquierdista, Mockus, de 58 años, se proyecta como una opción de cambio con un discurso pedagógico y filosófico de difícil compresión para muchos, según analistas.

Pese a que la guerrilla izquierdista continúa siendo una amenaza en el país de más de 44 millones de habitantes, el matemático que usa barba tipo Amish y lentes ha logrado posicionarse entre los electores con un discurso de honestidad y transparencia pese a que muchas de sus propuestas no

son concretas.

"Tu vida es sagrada, recursos públicos sagrados", son las principales frases de campaña del profesor, casado y padre de cuatro hijos, quien promete combatir la corrupción, instaurar la legalidad y promover profundos cambios a partir de la educación.

Dos veces alcalde de Bogotá, la capital colombiana de más de seis millones de habitantes, el político que se define como intentará derrotar en las elecciones un independiente pese a ser candidato del Partido Verde, impulsó campañas de educación para reducir la violencia, la tolerancia y mejorar el caótico tráfico de vehículos.

> Sus victorias electorales fueron consideradas como un voto de protesta contra la ineficiencia de la clase política tradicional para solucionar los problemas de la

Como parte de esa estrategia pedagógica se disfrazó de héroe ciudadano usando calzoncillos, botas y capa roja, interpretó canciones de rap y frente a cámaras de televisión enseñó a bañarse sin ducha en una campaña para ahorrar agua.

Los politólogos lo definen como un gobernante creativo que logró transformaciones radicales en Bogotá impulsando la cultura ciudadana, la protección de la vida, la gestión pública transparente y eficiente, así como el manejo de los recursos públicos como activos sagrados.



El candidato a la presidencia de Colombia por el Partido Verde, Antanas Mockus, habla durante una conferencia de prensa en Bogotá. Mayo 26 2010. REUTERS/Jose Miguel Gomez

Banco Mundial revisa alza expansión economía América Latina

LIMA (Reuters) - El Banco Mundial revisó al La nueva proyección del Banco Mundial para alza su proyección de crecimiento económico para América Latina para este año a un 4,5 por ciento, liderado por Brasil, Perú y México, dijo el jueves el economista jefe para la región del organismo multilateral.

En una entrevista con Reuters, Augusto de la Torre, dijo que la expansión de la economía de Brasil será superior al 6 por ciento y la de Perú cercana al 6 por ciento.

la economía de Latinoamérica es mayor a la estimación del Fondo Monetario Internacional, de un 4 por ciento, dada el mes pasado.

"Para Latinoamérica, por ejemplo, en abril las proyecciones (del Banco Mundial) estaban en torno al 4 por ciento de crecimiento para el 2010, ahora estamos hablando de 4,5 por ciento de crecimiento", dijo De la Torre, de visita en Lima para una reunión de ministros de Hacienda de la región.

"Esa tasa de crecimiento que se espera para el 2010, para la región, ese aumento de medio punto porcentual está explicado significativamente por dos países: Brasil y Perú", agregó.

La mayoría de países de Latinoamérica ha podido afrontar mejor la crisis global que estalló hace casi dos años, debido a que los encontró mejor parados gracias a políticas económicas y fiscales más prudentes en comparación con décadas pasadas.



Juan Manuel Santos busca su primer triunfo electoral en Colombia

BOGOTA (Reuters) - Un experimentado político que jamás ha ocupado un cargo de elección popular aspira a convertirse en el próximo mandatario de Colombia y a dar continuidad a las políticas del presidente Alvaro Uribe, a quien acompañó en el Gobierno como ministro de Defensa.

Juan Manuel Santos, un economista y administrador educado en Estados Unidos e Inglaterra, aparece en los sondeos en un empate técnico con el candidato del Partido Verde, Antanas Mockus, para las elecciones presidenciales del próximo domingo que al parecer se definirán en una segunda vuelta.

"La mejor manera de mostrar nuestro agradecimiento al presidente Uribe es construir sobre lo avanzado. Por eso quiero ser presidente de la República, porque hemos logrado mucho y no podemos darnos el lujo de echar reversa, porque retroceder no es un opción", dijo el político de 58 años, casado y padre de tres hijos.

Como ministro de Defensa

de Uribe, Santos logró los mayores éxitos en la lucha contra las Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia (FARC), el mayor grupo guerrillero que opera en la nación andina.

Tres miembros de la cúpula de las FARC y varios de sus mandos estratégicos, así como la primera línea de los capos del narcotráfico, quedaron fuera de combate durante su gestión, el período de mayor declive de las organizaciones ilegales armadas en la historia del país.

Perobajo su gestión como ministro de Defensa se registraron casos de ejecuciones extrajudiciales, uno de los principales escándalos del Gobierno de Uribe que ha afectado su candidatura.

Santos también estuvo al frente de la Operación Fénix, un bombardeo sobre una zona selvática de Ecuador en marzo del 2008, en la que murió el líder rebelde Raúl Reyes y que desató una crisis en las relaciones de Quito y Bogotá.

La justicia ecuatoriana mantiene un proceso judicial contra Santos,



El candidato presidencial colombiano del Partido 'U' Juan Manuel Santos, durante un evento de su campaña en Bogotá. Mayo 26 2010. REUTERS/Fredy Builes

quien también estuvo al frente de la Operación Jaque en la que fue rescatada la ex candidata presidencial Ingrid Betancourt, tres estadounidenses y 11 efectivos de las Fuerzas Armadas secuestrados por las FARC.

Miembro de una influyente familia cercana al periodismo y a la política, el candidato buscará que la presidencia sea el primer cargo de elección popular que gane.

El hombre caracterizado por su elegancia al vestir también ejerció como ministro de Hacienda en el Gobierno del ex presidente conservador Andrés Pastrana y de Comercio Exterior en el del liberal César Gaviria.

HEREDERO DE URIBE

El político, primo del actual vicepresidente Francisco Santos y quien en su juventud fue cadete de la Armada Nacional, anunció que si gana la presidencia mantendrá las principales políticas del actual mandatario. "El futuro de Colombia está en

políticas del actual mandatario. "El futuro de Colombia está en juego. La continuidad de las políticas del presidente Uribe está en juego. No podemos reelegirlo otra vez, pero vamos a reelegir la seguridad democrática, la cohesión social y la confianza inversionista", dijo el candidato. El dirigente trabajó en la Federación Nacional de Cafeteros y fue presidente de la Organización Internacional del Café con sede en Londres.

Sus colaboradores cercanos

lo definen como un líder con capacidad de trabajo y resultados contundentes, don de mando, visión de futuro, disciplina de estudio, presencia y credibilidad internacional.

En 1981 asumió como subdirector del diario El Tiempo, propiedad hasta hace unos pocos años de su familia, y en 1993 el Congreso lo eligió Designado a la Presidencia, siendo la última persona en la historia en ocupar ese cargo que fue sustituido por la vicepresidencia.

Críticos de Santos aseguran que no tiene el carisma de Uribe, pero analistas le ven probabilidades de ganar en un país en el que muchos electores votarán por la continuidad de unas políticas más que por una persona.

Santos fue profesor de economía política en la Universidad de los Andes y ha publicado varios libros, uno de ellos sobre la Tercera Vía, que escribió en compañía del ex primer ministro británico Tony Blair.

El líder político sostiene que es el candidato mejor preparado para ejercer la presidencia de Colombia y sus cercanos colaboradores admiten que ha pasado por lo menos los últimos 20 años preparándose para ese cargo.

FFAA Colombia están en alerta para elecciones

BOGOTA (Reuters) - Las Fuerzas Armadas de Colombia entraron el jueves en estado de máxima alerta para garantizar el normal desarrollo de las elecciones presidenciales, mientras que la Defensoría del Pueblo advirtió sobre riesgos de sabotaje en 82 municipios, la mayoría por amenazas de la guerrilla.

Los colombianos irán a las urnas el domingo para elegir al sucesor del presidente Alvaro Uribe, en los que se prevén serán los comicios más reñidos en la historia reciente del país entre el candidato oficialista del Partido de la U, Juan Manuel Santos, y el líder del Partido Verde, Antanas Mockus.

Las guerrillas de las Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia (FARC) y del Ejército de Liberación Nacional (ELN) históricamente intensifican sus ataques en la época electoral como parte de una estrategia para demostrar poderío militar y ganar protagonismo, de acuerdo con fuentes de seguridad.

Los planes de la guerrilla incluyen amenazas y ataques a candidatos, a las Fuerzas

Armadas y a puestos de votación, en un intento por impedir que los electores ejerzan su derecho al sufragio.

El Comando de las Fuerzas Militares y la Dirección General de la Policía informaron que más de 400.000 efectivos están comprometidos con el Plan Democracia para garantizar el normal desarrollo de los comicios en todo el país.

"Hemos encontrado que la fuente mayor de riesgo electoral la constituyen las FARC y del mismo modo las nuevas estructuras al margen de la ley que han surgido con posterioridad a la desmovilización de las antiguas autodefensas (paramilitares)", dijo a Reuters el defensor del pueblo, Volmar Pérez.

El funcionario reveló que, de acuerdo con el sistema de monitoreo, los mayores riesgos de ataques y actos de sabotaje a los comicios se podrían registrar en los departamentos de Cauca, Nariño, Valle, Chocó, Tolima, Huila, Caquetá, Putumayo, Meta, Guaviare, Arauca y Norte de Santander.



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